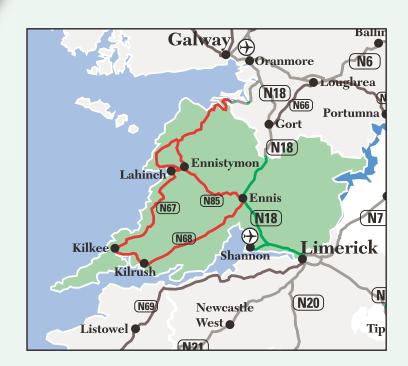


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

CLARE



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms 6,491
- Average Farm Size 32.5 ha
- Land area farmed 211,016 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) 7,854
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) 37
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows 27,959
 - Number of other (beef) cows 76,407
 - Number of ewes 15,323
 - Number of sows 1,052
 - Land area under tillage 69 ha
 - Number of poultry 5,321

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry 30,533 ha
- Output from private forestry 48,030 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income €78 m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment €46m
 - ANCs €13m
 - BDGP €3 m
 - Agri-environment payments €8.5m
 - Forestry Premium €5.6m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output €204 m
 - Value of Aquaculture Output €0.8m
 - Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €299m

Agri-Industry Employment

- · Agriculture in Clare supports thousands of jobs in the rural economy, both directly in food & drink processing and also in the wider agriindustry, including input suppliers, agricultural contractors, jobs in auctioneering, transport and engineering and in accountancy, legal, veterinary and other advisory services.
- Number of food and drink processing jobs supported by agricultural output of county -1,436
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Mid-West - Clare, North Tipperary, Limerick) - 4,524

Data sources and methodology for estimating figures available at www.ifa.ie/economics